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**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)**  
**New Item for Review and Consideration**

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**Meeting Date: 01/21/2016**  
**Agenda Item: 4B3**

**Issue Description:** Transparency and Conflict of Interests.

**Presented by:** Councilmember Navarro.

**What are you looking to accomplish?** To increase public transparency on agenda items that involve Councilmembers stating a conflict of interest by offering the public online accessibility to this information.

**Background Information:** Mayor and Council are sometimes presented with an agenda item that requires an ethical decision to recuse oneself from voting due to a conflict of interest. The conflict could be potential or actual. Oftentimes, the public would like to know the record for such occasions. Online accessibility for conflicts of interest would create value for residents and enhance the city's efforts to increase government openness.

This item aligns with the following Tempe City Council strategic priority:

*5. Developing and maintaining a strong community connecting by emphasizing the importance of open government, customer service and communication with community members.*

**What stakeholders should be engaged with this process?** City Clerk, City Attorney.

**Anticipated Timeframe and Staff Resources:** Estimate of time and staff resources approximately 20 hours.

*The Tempe City Council is committed to:*

- 1. Ensuring a safe and secure community through a commitment to public safety and justice.*
- 2. Developing and maintaining a strong community connection by emphasizing the importance of open government, customer service and communication with community members.*
- 3. Enhancing the quality of life for all Tempe residents and workers through investment in neighborhoods, parks, the arts, human services, and city amenities, with an emphasis on equity and diversity.*
- 4. Implementing sustainable growth and development strategies, including improving Tempe's public transit system to meet future needs, by actively seeking innovative technologies and leading the way in creating a more sustainable community.*
- 5. Maintaining long term financial stability and vitality by focusing on economic development, business retention and generating employment to create a robust and diverse economic base.*